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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants	:	Martin Kurth et al.
Serial No.	:	10/554,079
Filing Date	:	October 21, 2005
For	:	DEVICE FOR FASTENING AT LEAST ONE ELONGATE OBJECT TO A BASE
Group Art Unit	:	3679
Examiner	:	Victor L. MacArthur
Attorney Docket No.	:	16-885P/US-5201
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application and in response to the Office Action dated March 24, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 4 of this Amendment.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 7 of this Amendment.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 10 of this Amendment.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 11 of this paper and include a sheet having a new drawing.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this Amendment.